

By Yesterday Evening's Mail.

WARRENTON.—Our village is particularly dull at this time, and for the truth of the assertion, we have the united testimony of all the "oldest inhabitants." The Circuit Court is still in session, Judge J. W. Tyler presiding, and beyond the long-winded speeches of prolix lawyers and the examination of thick-skulled witnesses, nothing is occurring to interest a casual visitor to the Court Room. The amusements of the town are more varied and entertaining, consisting principally of "Street Loafing," in all its ramifications, a useful and practicable branch of political economy, which some of our worthy citizens contemplate reducing to a science, for the benefit of the rising generation. This and imbibing various "spirited compounds," with an occasional turn at "old stage," serves to fill up the vacuum of the idle business portion of the community.—*Flag of '56.*

POLITICS IN NORTH CAROLINA.—The friends of Fillmore, in the old North State, seem to be organizing for the approaching campaign with great spirit and energy. The American party there, have just had a State Convention, by which a candidate for Governor was appointed, and President Lincoln was nominated. The Convention is said to have been one of the largest, if not the largest, ever held in the State. And what is still more auspicious, the greatest possible unanimity prevailed. The Hon. John A. Gilmer, of Guilford county, was nominated as their candidate for Governor—the election coming off in August. Mr. Gilmer is represented as a man of powerful ability, and an effective and eloquent speaker.—*Rich. Whig.*

DESPERATE NEGRO.—Some short time since a negro fellow named Jacob, slave to James B. Christian of Charles City, was convicted of murdering Edward E. Harwood, and sentenced to be hung on Monday next. A few days since Messrs. New and Bladen, the guards of the prisoner, entered his cell, when Mr. New was assailed with a bar of iron, knocked down and dangerously wounded. The ruffian then turned on Mr. Bladen, who gave back and let him escape from jail, but afterwards shot and recaptured him. Unless he effects his escape he will answer for his deeds next Monday with his life.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—The Grand Lodge I. O. F. of Virginia, which has been in session in Richmond during the past three days, yesterday elected the following officers for the ensuing year: N. K. Trout, of Staunton; R. W. G. M.; John R. Jackson, R. W. D. G. M.; Thos. J. Evans, R. W. G. M.; Messrs. R. W. G. S.; Geo. W. Toler, R. W. G. T.; W. P. Jones, G. C.; Alex. Grant, G. G.; J. W. Peinexter, G. M.; John Childress, G. H.; Rev. Mr. Hilland, G. Chaplain.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

FIRE IN PAGE.—We regret to learn that about noon, on Saturday last, the dwelling-house, a large brick one—kitchen and smoke house, belonging to Isaac Stover, Esq., situated about a mile from Luray, was discovered to be on fire. The flames spreading so rapidly it was impossible to save any of the furniture. The fire was first discovered in the roof of the porch and is supposed that a spark must have fallen upon it. Loss about \$5,000. No insurance.—*Front Royal Gazette.*

MURDER AND SUICIDE.—We learn from the *Kennett Courier*, published at Pickett's C. H. N. C., that on Saturday morning last, Alexander L. Kuhlman, who resides near Wall-halla, in that District, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a pistol. A few moments before perpetrating this unnatural act, he shot and killed a negro woman belonging to Mr. D. E. Riley, and who was under his control as cook. Kuhlman had been in a deranged state of mind for some time.

THE FREDERICKSBURG DEMOCRATIC RECORD has changed hands, and is owned and edited by Messrs. Alexander, Seldon & Co. Mr. Seldon is the present Delegate in the Legislature from Stafford and King Georges.

FIRE AT LOUST GROVE.—About 3 o'clock in the evening on Saturday last, a dwelling-house, belonging to the heirs of Tillman Shumate, and occupied by Messrs. Powers and Tavenor, was totally destroyed by fire, together with the kitchen and smoke-house. No person being at home but Mrs. Powers no furniture was saved. Loss about \$1,700.—*Front Royal Gazette.*

PROFANE PROCEEDINGS.—On Saturday night last the Royal Gazette's some sounders broke into the shop belonging to Mr. Hamilton Steele, where a lot of furniture, &c., belonging to Mr. J. Gube was stored, and broke open several bureau drawers, scattering the contents over the floor, and took several dresses and a lot of segars.

The *Fredricksburg News* says:—"We regret to learn that James B. Ficklen, who was thrown violently from his buggy when driving into Bowling Green last Monday. The horse became alarmed and ran over his legs, throwing Mr. Ficklen over the horse's head, the wheel passing over his back. He received several bruises, besides the violent shock of the fall, but he is happy to say escaped any serious injury."

The *Richmond Dispatch* says:—"Alexander Roneh, convicted in the Circuit Court of shooting a gold watch from Dr. Thomas Johnson; and A. T. Williams, alias John W. Ford, found guilty of stealing a gold watch from Dr. Dold, were both sentenced to the Penitentiary yesterday, the first for three years and the last for five."

Dr. A. B. Hoos, of King George, has been appointed as an additional delegate to the Guano Convention in Washington, to represent the Rappahannock River Agricultural Society.

From present appearances, the Spectator thinks the May Convention of the American party to meet in Staunton, will be large and enthusiastic.

A farm belonging to the estate of Jacob L. Miller, dec'd., situated in Page County, was recently sold by Thos. N. Ashby, Esq., Trustee, to Mr. Gibson Grant, of Front Royal, for \$3,375.

MARRIED.—In Leesburg, on Wednesday morning last, by Rev. J. C. Clarke, Mr. HENRY C. GIST, to Miss ELIZABETH G., eldest daughter of Mr. John Sanderson, all of Loudoun.

On the 10th of April, 1856, by the Rev. B. P. Warwick, Mr. GEORGE COX, to Miss SUSAN ANN GREEN—both of Stafford county.

DEED.—Suddenly in Fredericksburg, on Tuesday the 15th inst., after a protracted illness of consumption, which she bore with a remarkable degree of resignation, Miss FANNY HOLBROOK, in the 57th year of her age. She was a daughter of the late Capt. Jesse Holbrook, of Belfast, Maine.

AFRICAN GUANO, just received and for sale by FOWLE & CO.

Congress.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Allen reported from the District of Columbia Committee, a bill to incorporate the Bank of Washington.

Mr. Sumner offered a resolution of inquiry into the facts, character and legality of the Coolie trade as carried on in American vessels; referred to the Commerce Committee.

The Bounty Land bill was then taken up, and further discussed.

In the House of Representatives, on motion of Mr. Faulkner, a resolution was adopted calling on the Secretary of State for a digest of the tariffs, restrictions and regulations of European Governments with reference to the importation of American tobacco.

On motion of Mr. Pringle, a resolution was adopted calling on the President for a statement concerning the appropriations made by the Thirty-first, Thirty-second and Thirty-third Congresses, distinguishing those made by executive functionaries &c.; also, of all delegations to the Government occurring in a specific time, &c.

The Senate bill increasing the pay of jurors in the District of Columbia to equal that of the United States jurors in the States, was passed.

The House then went into committee of the whole when the deficiency bill was taken up and considered.

Fire.—We regret to learn that on Saturday last, the dwelling, occupied by Mr. James W. Hope, near Carter's Run in Fauquier County, was totally consumed by fire, together with all its furniture and other contents. Mr. Hope and his family were absent at the time, in attendance on the funeral services in memory of a deceased neighbor. There were no persons at home but children, and the wind blew a gale. The origin of the fire is unknown. The house was the property of Mrs. Nelson, of Warrenton, who farm Mr. Hope had rented. It was not insured.

We learn that the barn and stables of Mr. John P. McIntin, of Westmoreland county, Va., were totally destroyed by fire on Saturday night last.

Two horses, five mules, the entire stock of farming implements, one hundred barrels of corn, together with a large lot of provender, were consumed in the conflagration. Loss estimated at \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Supposed to be the work of incendiarism.—*Sentinel.*

A Mayor, a portion of the members of the Board of Aldermen, a new Common Council, a Register, Collector of taxes, Surveyor, and Assessors for the city of Washington, are to be elected on the first Monday in June.

COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market, April 16.

FLOUR is dull, and held at \$5.50 to \$6.62 1/2; no sales reported. Receipts very light. The receipts of wheat today are light. Prices unchanged. We quote good to prime red at 150 to 156; white 160 to 166. White and mixed corn at 48 to 50c. Rye 60 to 65c. Oats 31 to 33c. White beans 112 1/2 to 125c. Flaxseed 112 1/2 to 125c. Clover seed, retail, \$11. Timothy seed \$4 to \$4.25.

FISH.—The supply of Fish at the Fish Wharf, yesterday, was large, with an active demand. Shad \$9 a hundred. Herring \$6 a thousand.

The Markets.

BALTIMORE, April 17.—Flour is firm and unchanged; sales of Howard street at \$5.50. Wheat is dull, and a trifle lower. Corn is firmer, with an advance of 12 1/2c. Hushel, white, by measure, 50 to 55c; yellow, by measure and weight, 54 to 56c.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Flour has improved; sales of common to good State \$6 1/2 to \$6 3/4; common to low grades of extra Ohio \$6 25 to \$6 62 1/2; mixed to standard Southern \$7 to \$7 50; fancy to extra Southern \$7 62 1/2 to \$8 37 1/2. Wheat is firm; sales of Southern white \$1.97 1/2. Corn is firm; sales of Southern mixed at 63c.

ALMANAC.

1856.	SUN'S RISE.	MOON'S PHASES.
APRIL.		
18 Friday.....	5 26 34 A.	D. H. M.
19 Saturday.....	5 25 35 Full.....	20 4 M.
20 Sunday.....	5 24 36 Last of 27.	6 16 K.
21 Monday.....	5 23 37 New.....	4 9 32 M.
22 Tuesday.....	5 22 38 First of 11.	3 35 K.
23 Wednesday.....	5 21 39 High Water.	
24 Thursday.....	5 20 40 APRIL 18. 5h. 26m.	

LATEST DATES.

London.	March 22.	Havre.	March 21.
Liverpool.	March 21.	New Orleans.	March 25.

MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, APRIL 17.

ARRIVED.
Brig Shackford, Patungale, New York, to Fowle & Co.
Brig Wm. D. Shultz, Stickney, Eastport, to Fowle & Co.
Schr. Geo. Worth, Robbins, Baltimore, wheat to Pioneer Mills.
Schr. Philip Williams, Bayliss, Petersburg, wheat to Pioneer Mills.
Schr. Mary, Layton, Fredericksburg, wheat to Pioneer Mills.
Steamer Diamond State, Kirvin, Baltimore, to Wheat & Roe, and freight for Dist. of Columbia.
Schr. Matthew C. Durfee, James, Fall River, to Borden Mining Company.

SAILED.
Schr. Emily C. Horton, Ketchum, Newbury, N. Y., to Cumberland Coal and Iron Company.
Schr. Hampton, New York, by Fowle & Co.

MEMORANDA.
Schr. James M. Steele, Bayliss, cleared at Baltimore for this port, 16th inst.
Schr. A. V. Bell, Ryder, cleared at New York for this port, 15th inst.

LETTERS.—The members of the Young Men's Christian Association, are requested to attend a called meeting this (Friday) evening, at 7 o'clock. Every member will please be present, as business of importance will be transacted. By order of the President.

TO THE VOTERS OF ALEXANDRIA CITY AND COUNTY.—ALFRED MADDOX is respectfully presented as a candidate for the SHERIFFALTY, and will be supported by [ap 9-1] MANY FRIENDS.

We are authorized to announce W. T. POWELL, as a candidate for the office of County Surveyor.

Dr. Wm. L. FRASER will be supported by many Voters for the Office of COUNTY SURVEYOR. Alexandria county, ap 5-10.

FOR BALTIMORE.—The Steamer **DIAMOND STATE** will receive cargo for Baltimore, on Saturday, morning, and leave at 3 o'clock P. M.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

THE FISHING POTOMAC.—The Landings on both sides of the Potomac are now the scenes of busy operations, and this may be called the "heights of the Fishing season." The success is varied—the catch at some shores not being equal to that at others—but, generally, the proprietors are doing tolerably well. Our daily report of the market gives the prices here. In addition to the regular seines, numbers of persons are engaged in gilling, as it is called—and they take a great many shad. From Boyd's Hole up, the steamboats have to thread their way with care through the seines which reach miles from the landings, and dot the whole surface of the river with their corks. We hope that the whole season may be a successful one—and that all engaged may realize a handsome profit in their business.

BURGULARIES.—The dwelling of Mr. John L. Smith, on Fairfax street, was burglariously entered on Tuesday night, and about \$5 in change taken from the drawer, in one of the bed rooms; nothing else was missed. An attempt was made to enter the residence of Mr. Heston, in City Block, on Washington street, on Wednesday night, but the efforts of the robbers were frustrated by Mr. H., hearing the noise and discovering a man trying to enter the house through a window. The man made his escape. Great precaution in properly fastening up houses at night should be taken, as it is evident, a gang of burglars are in our midst.

DROWNED.—Thomas A. Gawen, a youth of about 16 years old, of Yeocomico, Westmoreland county, Va., a hand on board the schooner *Charity*, was knocked overboard on the 11th, near Fort Washington, when the vessel was on her way down the river, and drowned. The body has not yet been found, and Mr. Jos. A. Gawen, brother of the deceased desires if the body is found, that information may be sent to Messrs. S. Shinn and Son, of this place.

POTOMAC STEAM BOAT.—The river travel has commenced, and the Alice C. Price now makes her trips with full complements of passengers—all well pleased with the boat, and with her attentive Captain and officers.

IMPROVEMENTS.—We observe with pleasure improvements going on different parts of the city, in the way of building and repairing. We hope to see, this spring, many new houses going up.

COMMITTED.—A woman was arrested and committed to jail, yesterday, to await an examination, for stealing sundry articles of dry-goods from merchants on King street.

ICE FORMED LAST WINTER. was dug up yesterday at the foot of Prince street, by the laborers engaged in cleaning up the streets.

STURGEON.—This delightful fish has made its appearance in our market.

RAIN.—We had a delightful shower of rain yesterday afternoon.

ALEXANDRIA, LOUDOUN AND HAMPSHIRE RAIL ROAD COMPANY.—A general meeting of this Company will be held at the Company's Office, in Alexandria, at noon, on the 20th day of May next. By order of the Board of Directors ap 7-10 R. JOHNSTON, Clerk.

GREENHOUSE PLANTS FOR SALE.—We have at YEATES' GARDEN, a choice lot of GREENHOUSE PLANTS, consisting of Roses, Verbenas, Heliotropes, all varieties of Geraniums, with various other Greenhouse Plants. Also, a fine lot of FRUIT and ORNAMENTAL TREES, such as Horse Chestnut, Maples, and Lindens, Apricot, Pear, Peach and Apple, all of which will be sold upon reasonable terms, and warranted to be of the quality represented. ap 9-10 CHANCY & BRO.

GROCERIES—SPRING SUPPLY.—WILLIAM RAYNE is now receiving per Schr. Washington, from New York, a general assortment of GROCERIES, to which he invites the attention of purchasers. mh 24 N. W. cor. of King and Water-sts.

M. LATHS. 250 boxes Large Herring 10 half barrels extra family Herring 25 quanta Pollock Fish, landing from Schr. Maria Jane, from Eastport, and for sale by mh 13 CAZENOVE & CO.

NEGROES WANTED.—I wish to purchase any number of NEGROES, for which I will pay liberal prices. Those wishing to sell, will do well to call on me before selling, at my old stand, at West End, Alexandria, Va. mh 18-19 JOSEPH BRITIN

WINDOW SHADES.—Just received a large assortment of GILT and TRANSPARENT SHADES, at J. P. CLARK'S Curtain Store, ap 16 No. 158 King street.

PATAPSCO FAMILY FLOUR.—A further supply, just received by NEVETT & SNOWDEN, mh 31 Rumney's Wharf.

300 LBS. PRIME CODFISH. just received, and for sale close by, by T. M. MCCORMICK & CO., Theatre Building. ap 5

50 BOXES SOAP. Sperm, Hydraulic, and Patent Mould Summer Candles, just received and for sale by D. HUME & CO. ap 17

OKUM.—50 bales No. 1 Patent Okum just received, and for sale by S. SHINN & SON, No. 4, South Wharves. mh 13

TEA! TEA!—215 half chests and Caddies G. P. Imperial, Y. H. and Black Tea, received per Schooner Ashland, and for sale by mh 27 RIDGELY, HAMPTON & CO.

GARDEN SEED.—E. C. BROWN, Middleburg, Va., is just in receipt of every variety of GARDEN SEED. Middleburg, Va., feb 27-28

TARRED COTTON ROPE.—A few coils Tarred Cotton, for Seine hauling, for sale by mh 25 WHEAT & BRO.

SALT! SALT!—50,000 sacks Ground Alum Salt, daily expected, for sale on pleasing terms by [ap 3] GEO. W. HARRISON.

25 BOXES BROWN SOAP. different qualities, for sale by MARSHALL & WARD. mh 22

GROUND ALUM SALT.—2000 sacks G. Alum Salt, in store, and for sale by mh 17 JOHN F. DYER, Janney's Wharf.

CANDLES.—25 boxes Adamantine Candles, of different qualities, for sale by mh 21 MARSHALL & WARD.

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BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.
Arrival of the Steamer Baltic.

LATER FROM EUROPE.
PEACE PROCLAIMED!!!

New York, April 17.—The Collins steamer *Baltic* has arrived at Sandy Hook, bringing Liverpool dates of the 2d instant. The treaty of peace was formally signed at Paris on the 30th of March, and immediately thereafter proclaimed. There is no news of the Pacific.

The conclusion of peace was announced in Paris and London by Salvo of artillery. Paris was illuminated, and in England the church bells were pealed.

Three or four weeks must elapse before the final ratifications are exchanged. The details of the adjustment have been referred to a commission.

The Paris correspondent of the *London Times* says: A council of ministers was held at the Tuilleries at half-past 11 on the 20th and remained till 12 o'clock on Sunday the 30th. The Emperor presided, and gave his last instructions.

Count Walewski then returned to his official residence to receive the plenipotentiaries. They came at half past twelve, and after the treaty was read over, proceeded to sign it.

The moment the signatures were completed, the signal was given, and the cannon proclaimed the news. Bulletins announcing the fact were also posted throughout the city.

ENGLAND.—The parliament re-assembled on the 31st. In reply to a question Lord Palmerston said: "Though the treaty of peace was signed, yet it was determined by the Congress, that the particular conditions of the treaty should not be made public until ratifications had been exchanged. At the same time he would express his conviction that the treaty would be deemed satisfactory to England and the whole of Europe."

"It would be found," he said, "that the objects for which the war was undertaken, had been accomplished; it would be found, that the integrity and independence of the Turkish empire had been secured; that the treaty is honorable to all the contracting powers, and while on the one hand it has put an end to the war, which every friend of humanity must have ardently wished to see concluded, on the other hand it will lay the foundation of a peace, he trusted, lasting and enduring."

On Monday the Lord Mayor of London made official proclamation of peace from the portico of the Mansion house, and afterwards from the Exchange. The Tower and Park guns fired a salute, and flags were generally displayed throughout the city and shipping. In most of the other cities similar displays were made, but not much enthusiasm was shown otherwise.

ITALY.—The latest advices from Parma, report that the state of siege is being carried out with the utmost vigor, and every thing is subjected to military dictation. The Austrian General Crevenille appears to be the real governor of the city. Auditors of 300 arrests have been made. The Auditor Bordis is still alive, but there is no hope of his recovery.

INDIA.—Advices by telegraph from Trieste, are from Hong Kong February 15, Bombay March 6.

The annexation of Oude had been completed without disturbance.

Lord Carnarvon was sworn in Governor-General of India on the 1st of March.

A scarcity is apprehended throughout India, for want of rain.

THE MARKETS.—LIVERPOOL, April 1.—Richardson, Spence & Co., quote an advance in Cotton of 1/4d, mostly in the lower qualities. Sales for three days 30,000 bales.—The market closed steady. Orleans middling 6d Uplands middling 5 1/2d. Sales to exporters 6,000 bales.

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